

HANKY PANKY

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Introduction

You can probably fold paper to make aeroplanes and other things, but did you know that you can also fold your HANKY?

Paper folding uses creases. Hanky folding though, uses a lot of rolling and knotting and these different techniques create designs that look very different to those made by folding paper. What's more, hanky folding is easier than paper folding a hanky can't be creased or rolled more than a very few times before it looks like a screwed-up mess. so the models have to be quick and easy to make.

Nobody really knows how hanky folding began. Many designs were probably created by accident - haven't you ever twisted a hanky round your hand, then knotted or rolled it? It isn't difficult to invent new shapes if you do. Other designs were probably invented by chefs who created fancy serviette folds to decorate their restaurant tables and by magicians who sometimes perform silk hanky tricks. Five designs in the book have been invented by the author.

Wherever the art of hanky folding comes from, it is a lot of fun! With a little practice, you will be able

to learn some favourite designs by heart, then amaze or amuse your friends with your new skills. Hanky folding is a great way to show how something special can be made from something very ordinary – especially if you haven't got a cold!

Which hankies to use

The best hankies are CLEAN ONES! Dirty hankies are horrible and no one will like it if you start folding one.

Whenever possible, use big hankies. The biggest are men's hankies. Ladies' hankies are too small for some designs and children's hankies much too small and dainty to be useful, except perhaps for the Puff Parachute. Don't use hankies that are torn or frayed – always use ones in good condition.

A brand new hanky will be quite stiff, so crumple it up and roll it around in your hands to soften it. A washed and heavily ironed hanky may also need softening.

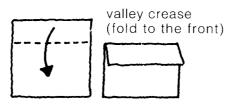
Linen table serviettes or napkins can be used, if they aren't too thick. Four-ply paper napkins (or two-ply napkins folded together) are also useable, but they aren't floppy like real hankies and often rip, as would ordinary paper hankies or tissues. Real hankies are always best.

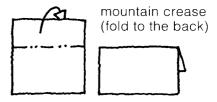
How to follow the instructions

The drawings use just seven symbols and they are printed across the bottom of every page for easy reference.

Remember, when you are working on the folds or knots of Step 1 of a design, look ahead to the Step 2 drawing to see what the shape is that you are trying to make, then when on Step 2, look ahead to the Step 3 drawing to see what the next shape is going to be . . . and so on. Don't work on any one Step without also looking at the next. If you get stuck, start again from the beginning and read the written instructions very carefully.

The designs with knots (such as the Gumby Hat or Bird) and those where the hanky is turned inside out (such as the Duck or Mouse) aren't quite so easy as the other designs, so take extra care when making them. Always work slowly. Never rush.





Pirate Patch

Shiver me hankies, Jim lad, it's an eye patch so simple even a parrot with a wooden leg can make it. This is one of my own designs.

Fold a hanky in half to make a triangle.

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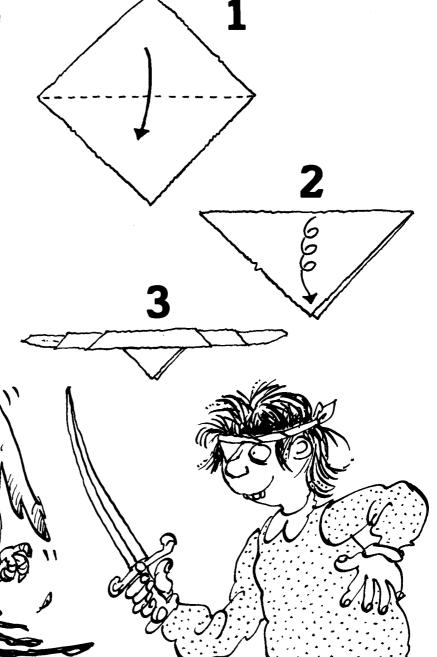
Roll the long edge of the triangle tightly towards the opposite corner.

3.

Stop rolling just before the corner.

4.

Place the triangular patch over an eye so that the roll is to the front. Tie a double knot at the back of your head to hold it in place.





roll over and over





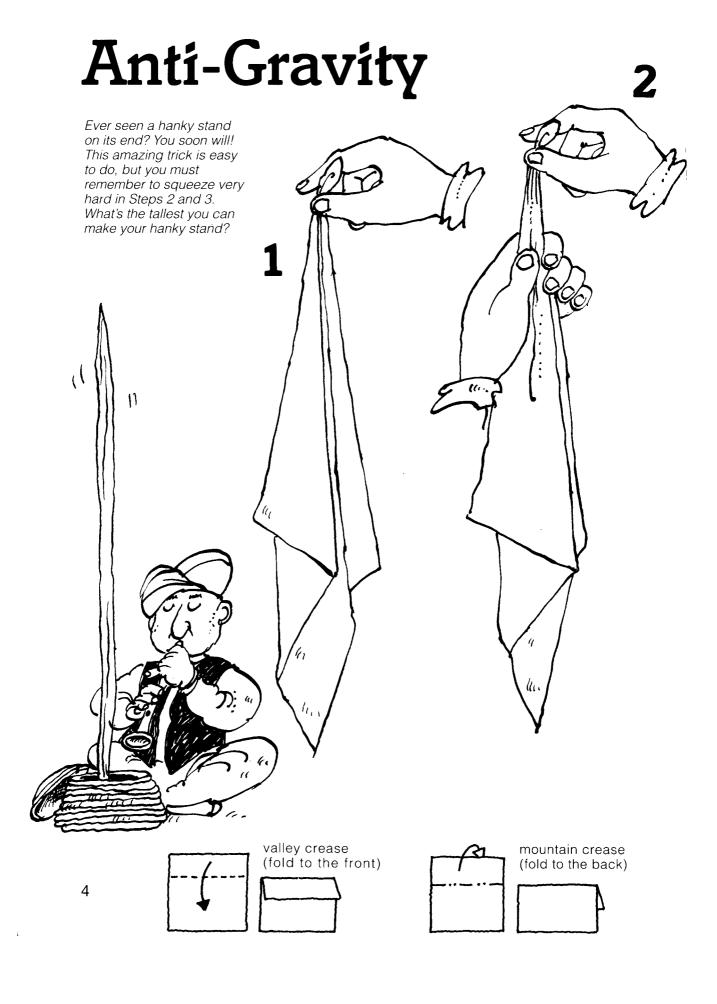


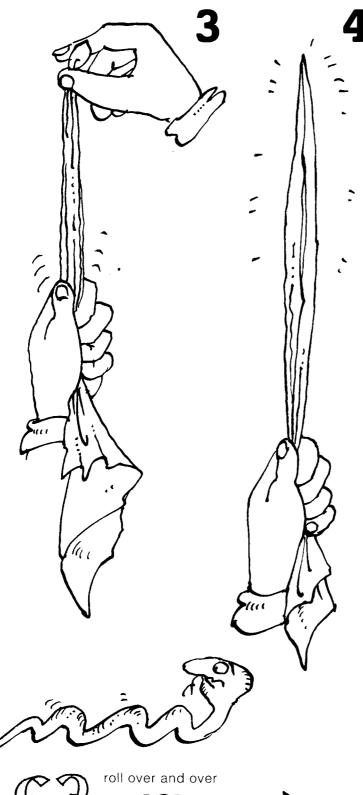


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turn inside out

pull or push





turn inside out

Hold an unfolded hanky by a corner. Flap it about in the air to help the folds drape neatly.

2.
Hold the corner tightly between finger and thumb. Grip the hanky in your other hand as shown, squeezing very tightly. Run your hand down the hanky . . .

3. . . . like this, squeezing very hard all the time. Stop when you get to the thickest part of the hanky. Take your hand away and repeat Steps 2 and 3, continuing to stroke and squeeze very hard, trying to make the hanky as stiff and narrow as possible. Repeat four or five times, then take away the hand holding the top corner.

4. The hanky will defy gravity and stand upright! If it falls over, repeat Steps 2 and 3 a few more times, remembering to squeeze as tightly as you can to strengthen the creases. With practice, you will be able to hold the hanky further and further towards the bottom, so that more and more of it can stand unsupported. The trick is particularly effective with large hankies, but easier

with smaller ones.





pull or push

Puff Parachute

In this fun idea, it's easy enough to blow a hanky into the air, but trickier to land it on the back of your head. Try it and see! Use a small hanky, or even a paper tissue. Large hankies are too heavy and will not blow very far.

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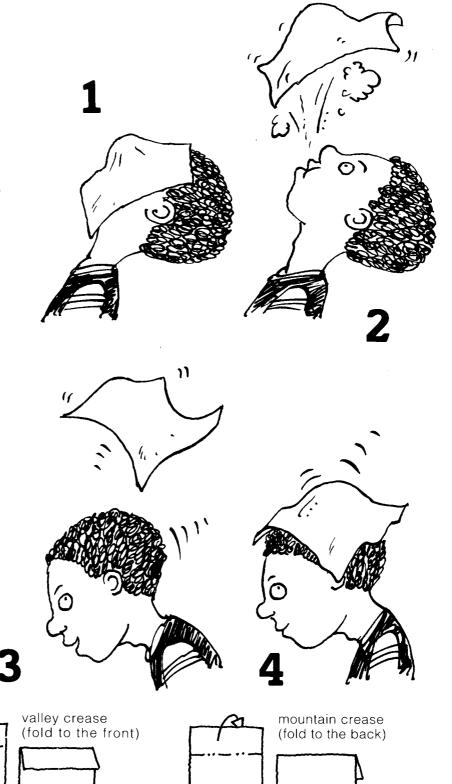
Open up a hanky or paper tissue so that it is completely unfolded. Bend your head backwards, then place the hanky over your face, so that your mouth is under the middle of the hanky.

2.

Blow very hard and the hanky will shoot up into the air! Remember, the lighter the hanky (or paper tissue) and the bigger your puff, the higher it will go.

Quickly bend forwards whilst the hanky is up in the air and try . . .

. . . to land it on the back of your head!

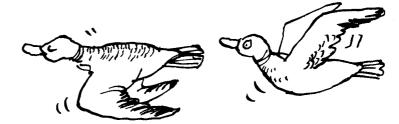


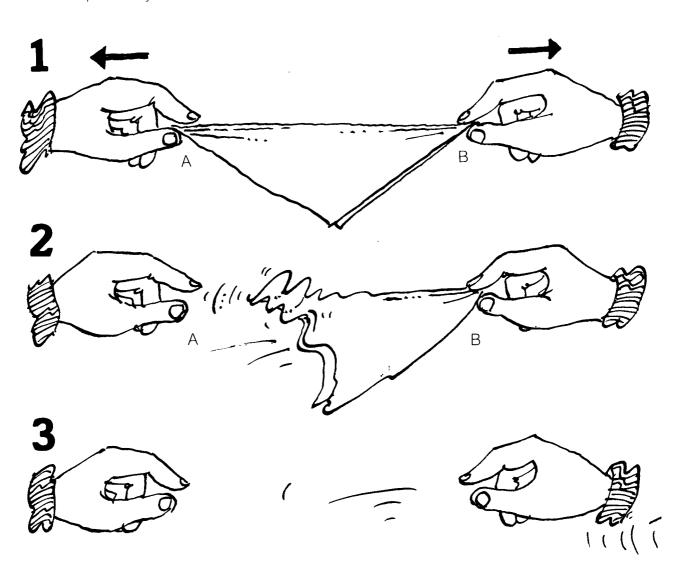


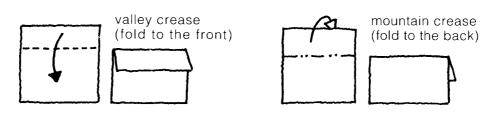


Flying Catch

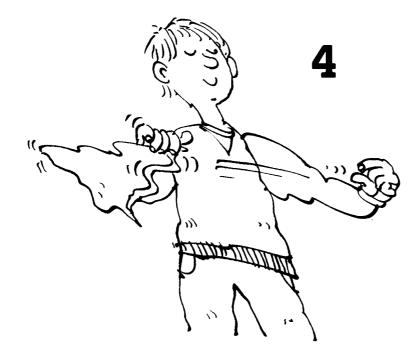
There's a definite knack to catching this flying hanky. However, with a little practice you should be able to do it every time. Make sure that your hanky isn't too stiff – a floppy, crumpled hanky is best.











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pull or push

1.Hold opposite corners of a hanky (A & B) and pull hard.

This bit takes a little practice. Let go of corner A, which will then spring towards B. Then . . .

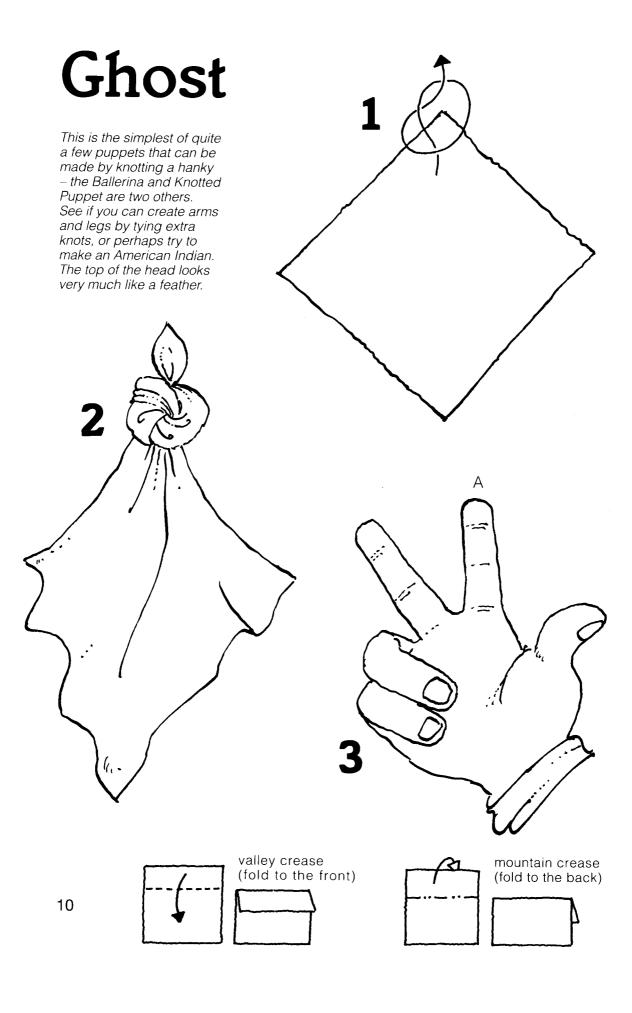
second later, let go of B as well. The hanky will fly very quickly past your right hand! In fact it will fly quite a long way, unless . . .

... you casually catch hold of corner A!

The trick is a particularly good one because the hanky appears to fling itself sideways for no reason that anyone can see, and then you're clever enough to reach out and calmly catch the trailing corner as it whizzes past. The knack is to let go of B at just the right moment after having let go of A. Sometimes you can get it completely wrong and the hanky flies off in the opposite direction, or you let go of both corners at the same time and the hanky drops straight to the floor. A little practice though, and the effect is easy to perform.



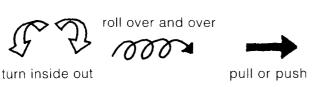






- **1.** Tie a knot in the corner of a hanky . . .
- **2.** . . . like this. Don't tie it too tight or make it too small.
- **3.**Hold your hand as shown thumb, first and middle fingers spread out, third and little fingers tucked in. Note finger A.
- Push finger A right up into the knot and wedge it tight. Arrange the hanky so that the bottom corner falls to the front and so that your thumb and middle finger make good arms. You can sometimes grip the hanky to your palm with your third and little fingers, which gives a better 'body' shape to the ghost, but this depends on the size of the hanky. It needs to be large.

Practise moving the head, arms and body in slow, shivery, ghostly ways, making scary noises all the time. A good effect is to use a white hanky and to wear a black shirt or pullover, then shine a torch on the ghost in a darkened room. Your black clothing will not be seen and the ghost will appear to float through the air by itself!







Gumby Hat

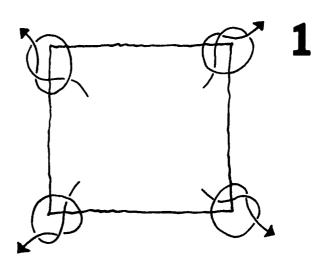
For those who need a smart, stylish, fashionable hat to wear on the beach when the hot summer sun is beating down . . . here is a hanky design to avoid! It's good fun though, practical and simple to make. Use a large hanky.

Tie a knot in each corner of a hanky.

2.

Then wear it! If the knots are too big, the hat will be very small and may not fit you, so untie them and make them smaller.

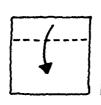
You can try the same idea, but with a large headsquare instead of a hanky. Tie a knot in each corner as before, then tie a knot inbetween each of these knots, making eight in all. The hat should still be big enough to wear and the eight knots will create a very decorative effect, even more so if the headsquare is attractively patterned. At last, a Gumby Hat that is stylish!







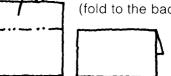




valley crease (fold to the front)



mountain crease (fold to the back)



Bonnet

Use a small or mediumsized hanky to make this design. This is the first design in the book that you have to turn inside out, so do it carefully. It's a very satisfying technique and fun to do. This is one of my own designs.

Fold the sides into the middle.

Starting at the bottom edge, roll the hanky up towards the top. Stop rolling half way up.

Hold the roll in place and turn ABCD inside out, so that they drop below EF . . .

4.

. . . like this. The roll disappears up inside the hanky and is trapped tightly in place.

5.

Wear the bonnet with EF at the front.





roll over and over

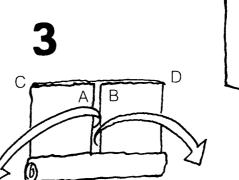


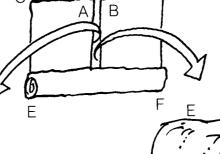


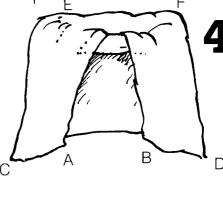














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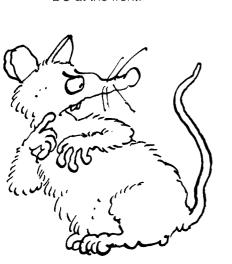


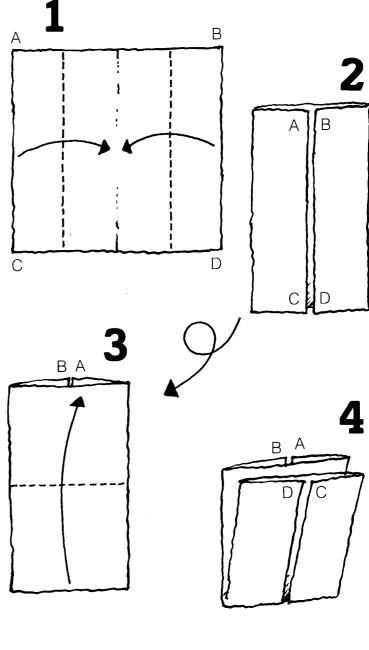
knot

Bikini Top and Mouse Ears

Of all the designs in the book, these two are my favourites. They are quick and easy to make, funny and the ears look very good on someone's head. With hair grips, they should stay in place all day!

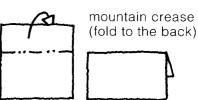
- **1.** Fold the sides into the middle.
- **2.** Note ABCD. Turn over, carefully.
- **3.** Fold the bottom edge up to the top.
- **4.**Note BA at the back and DC at the front.

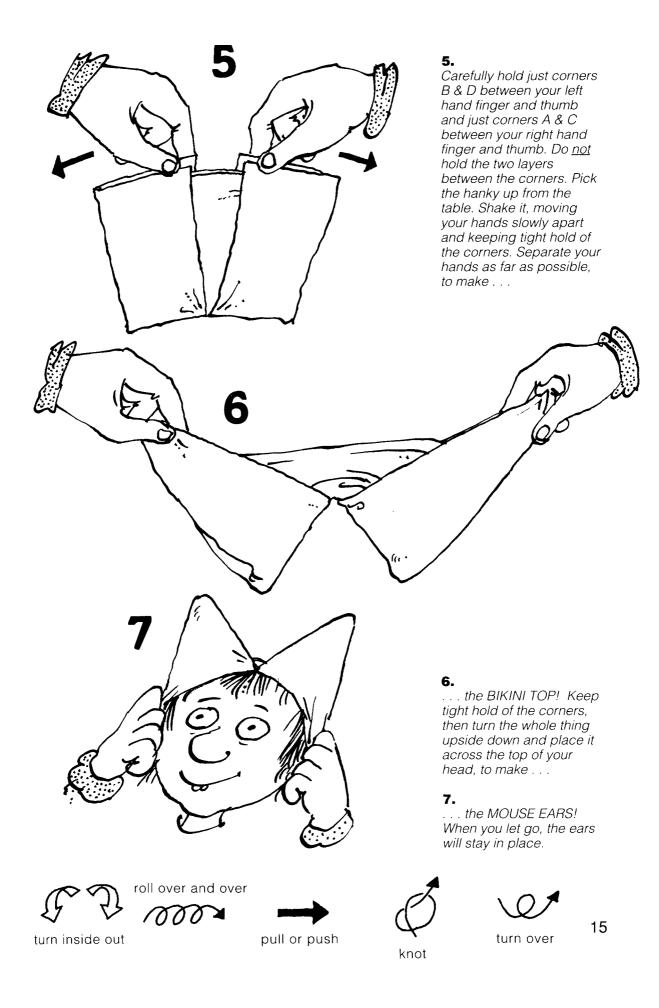






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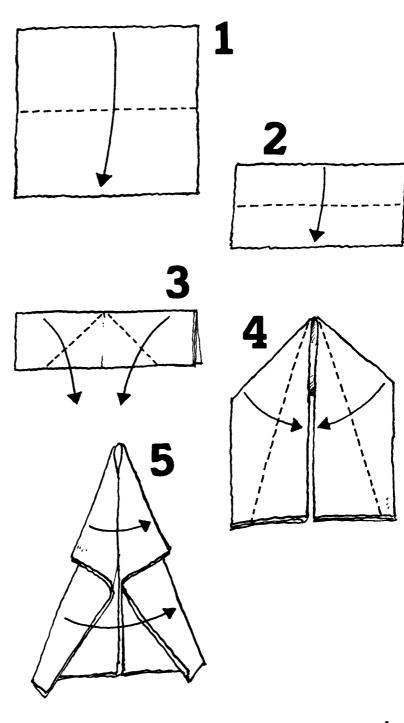


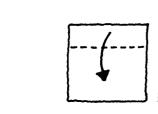


Fairy Boots

These boots were first designed to be made from linen table serviettes. If you have an old book which shows how to make different serviette or napkin folds, you might find them in there.

- **1.** Fold in half, top to bottom.
- **2.** Fold in half again.
- **3.**Fold in each half of the top edge to lie down the centre crease.
- 4. Fold in the sloping sides again, just like making the pointed nose on a paper aeroplane. Keep everything neat.
- **5.** Fold the left side across to lie on top of the right side.
- **6.**Note A & B. Twist A back through the middle, so that it sticks out to the left . . .
- 7. . . . like this. Turn the boot around to look like Step 8.
- **8.** Fold B across, tucking it under the sloping edge to hold it firmly in place.

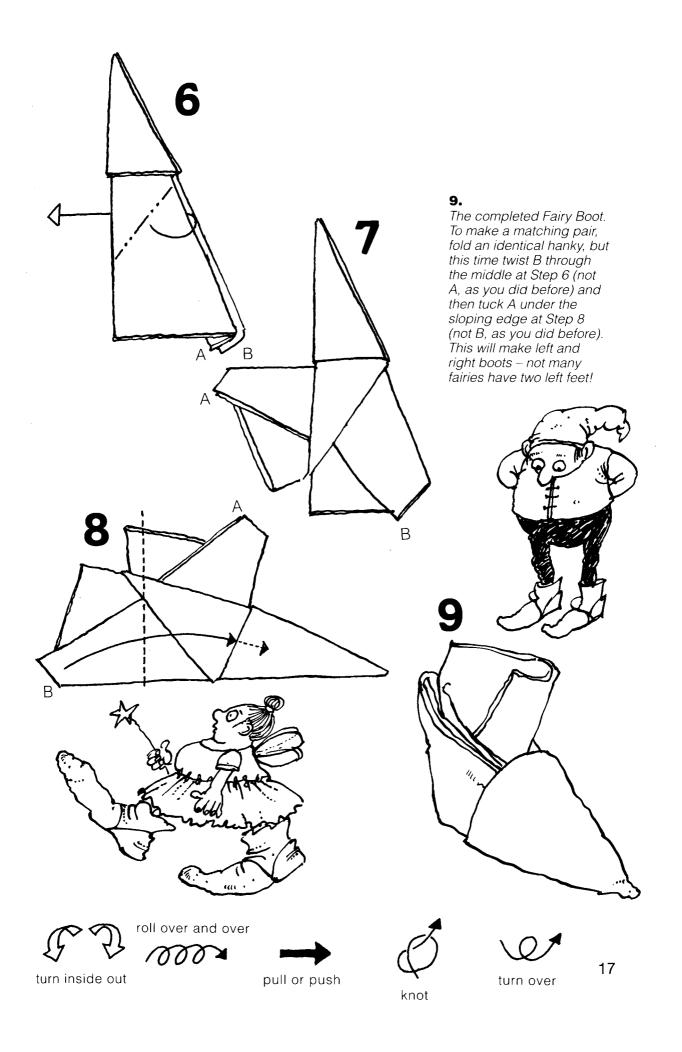




valley crease (fold to the front)



mountain crease (fold to the back)



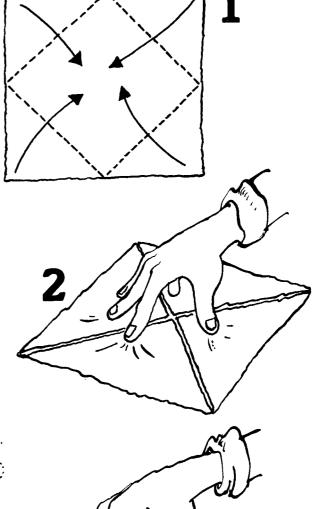
Flower

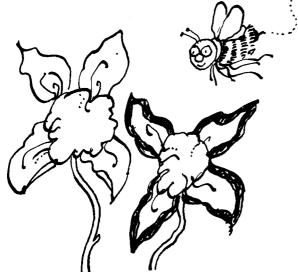
If you are lucky enough to know someone with a silk headsquare as small as a hanky, the flower can become a banana that unpeels itself! The skin unpeels itself at Step 5. Only silk will work though – cotton sticks too much to unpeel.

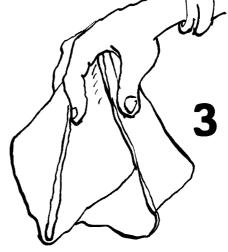
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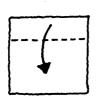
With one hand carefully grasp the four corners of the hanky and the layer beneath them, then lift the hanky up into the air . . .

3. . . . like this. Arrange the corners so that they are regularly spaced around the hanky.

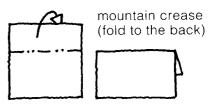


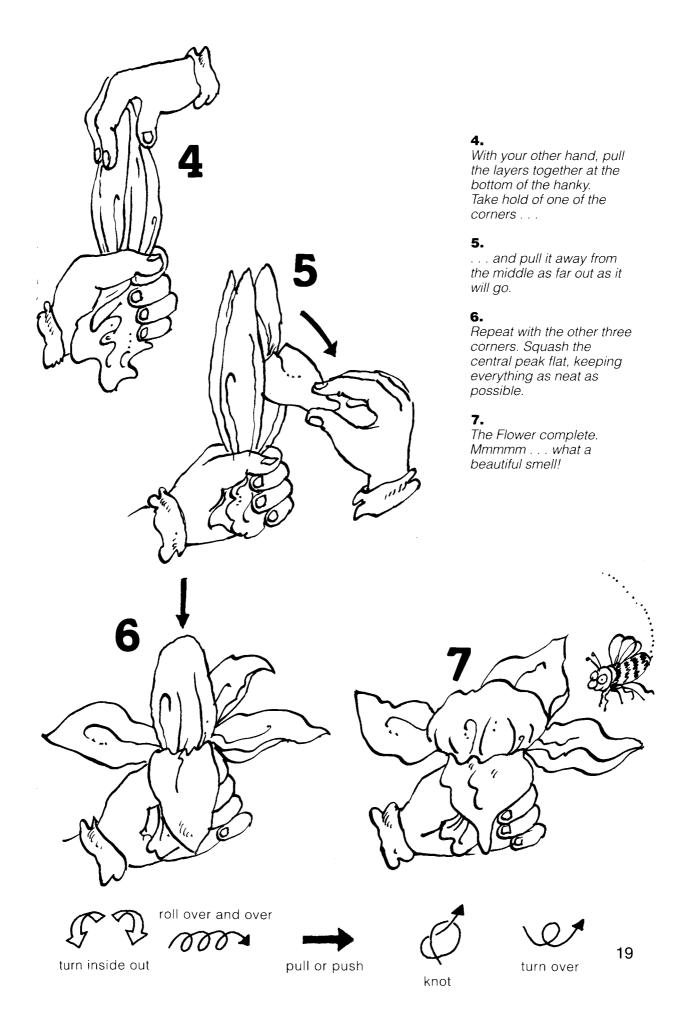






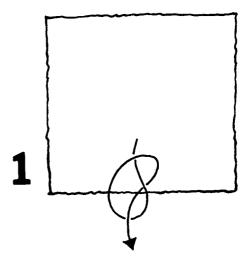
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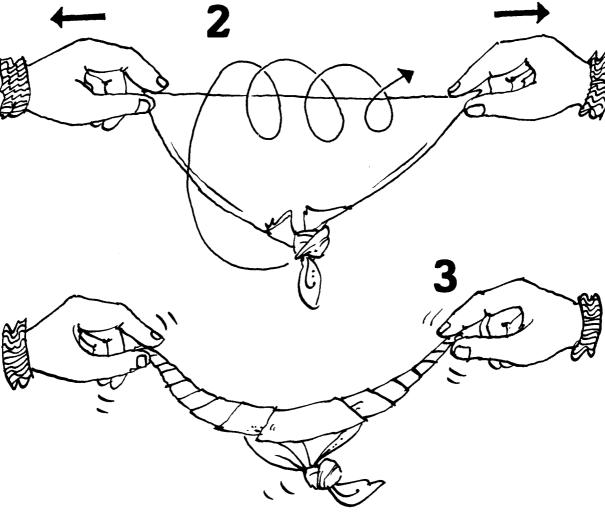


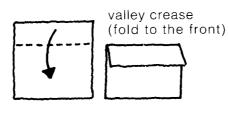


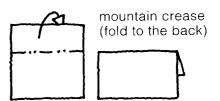
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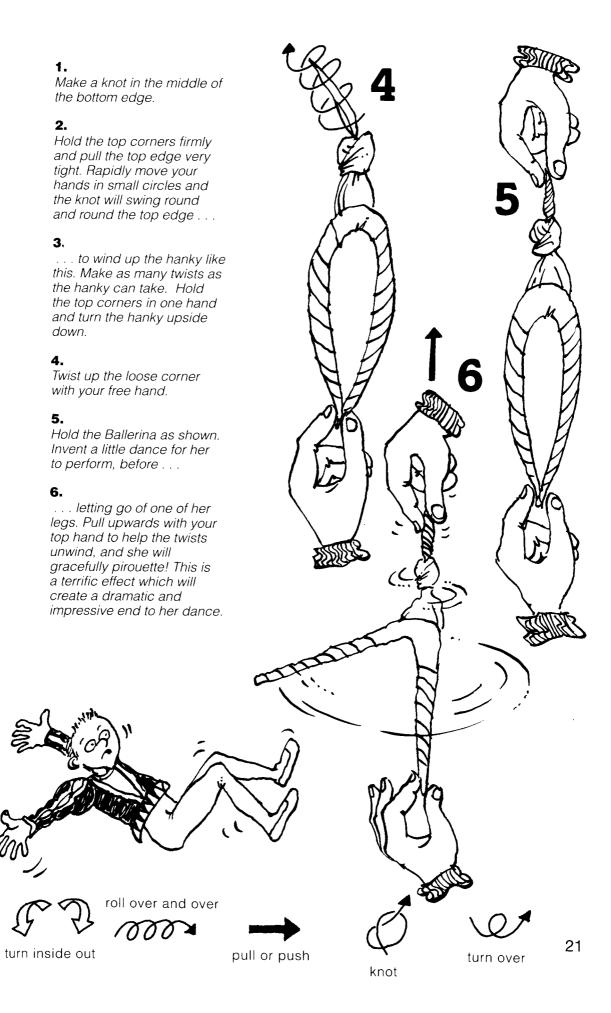
Another knotted puppet similar to the Ghost, but with a difference . . . she pirouettes! The secret is to wind up the legs very tightly at Step 2, then pull upwards with some force at Step 5.











Duck

This is one of my own designs, developed from the simple sling shape seen at Step 5. Be careful with the head. If it isn't made correctly, the bill can be at the back, not the front. Kcauq!!

1. Fold the top edge down to the bottom.

Fold the right edge over to the left.

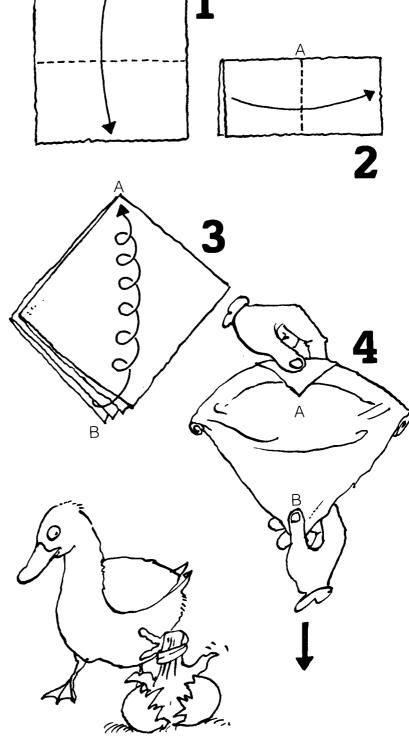
3.Turn the square so that all the loose corners are at the bottom. Tightly roll three of the layers up towards A, leaving the fourth layer (B) flat on the table. Near A, the ends of the roll will dig into the sides of the square. Ignore this and continue rolling right to the very top at A.

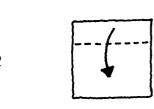
Hold A tight against the roll and tug B smartly downwards. This will turn the roll inside out, and form a horseshoe rim around the edge . . .

5. . . . like this. Turn over.

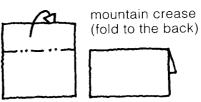
Fold B over towards A.

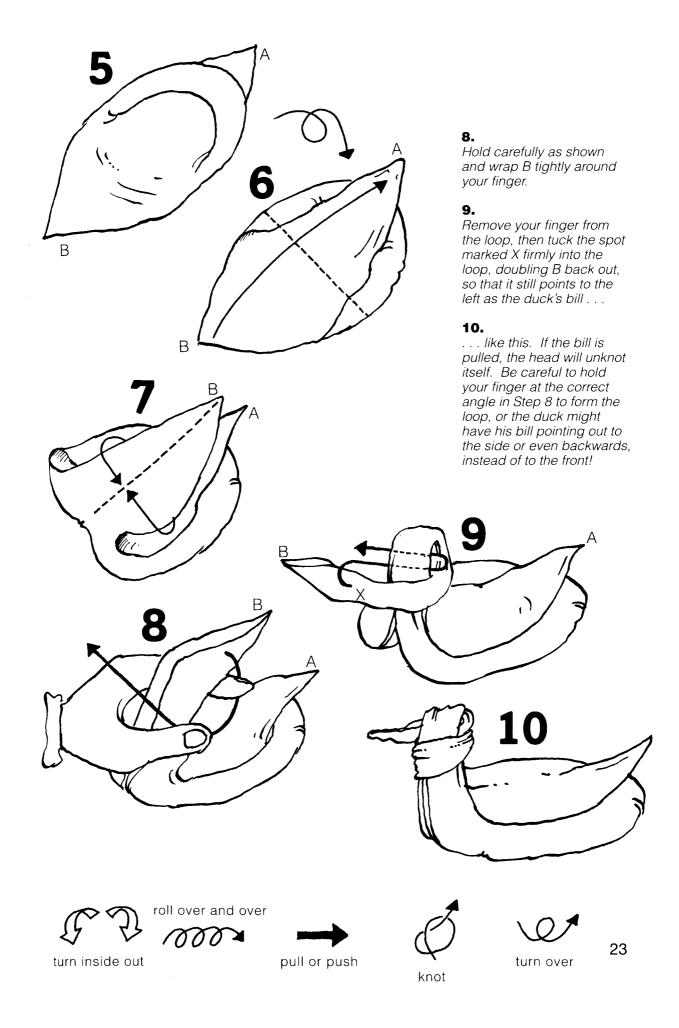
Fold B in half.





valley crease (fold to the front)





Mouse

Of all hanky folds, this is perhaps the best-known and also the most complicated. Follow the instructions very carefully, particularly between Steps 6 and 9. The Cracker and Soft Ball that follow are variations.

Begin with a hanky folded in half to form a triangle. Fold in the bottom corners to meet in the middle of the bottom edge.

Roll up the bottom edge as far as the top of the side triangles.

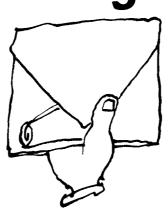
Press the roll flat as shown, palm side up. Fold in the left side, then the right side, tucking it under your thumb.

4.

Hold everything flat with your thumb. Fold down the top edge, also tucking it under your thumb . . .

5.

. . . like this.

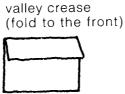




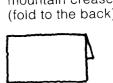


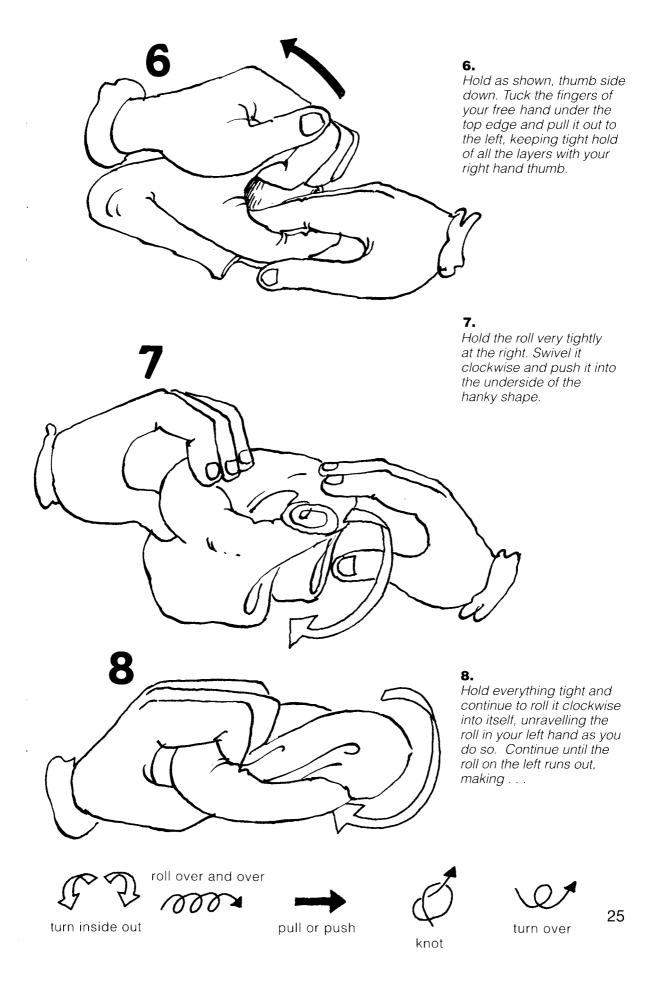
mountain crease (fold to the back)











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... a wound-up sausage! Pull out the loose corners.

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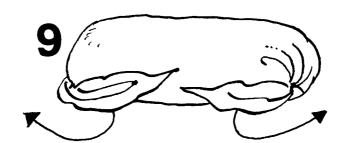
Open out one of the loose ends.

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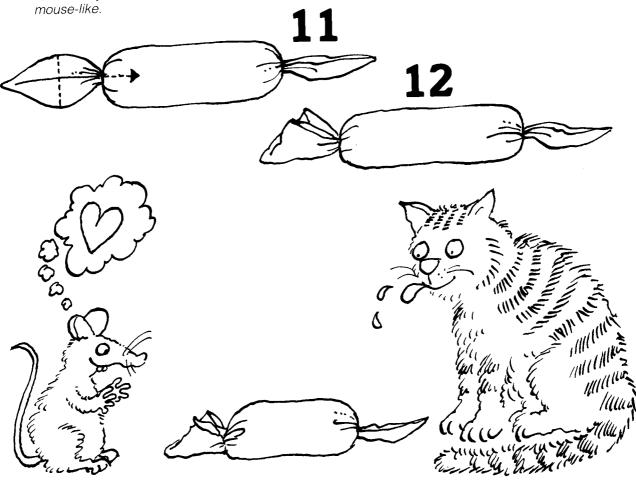
Push the corner back into the sausage, just enough to keep it in place.

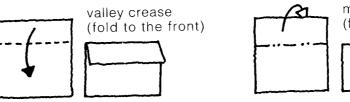
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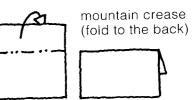
The Mouse complete.
Arrange the nose and ears so that they look very









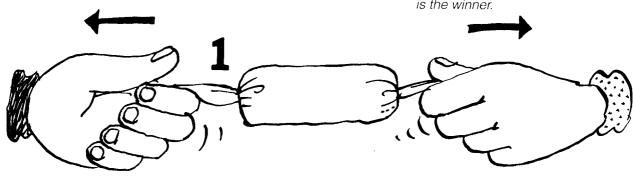


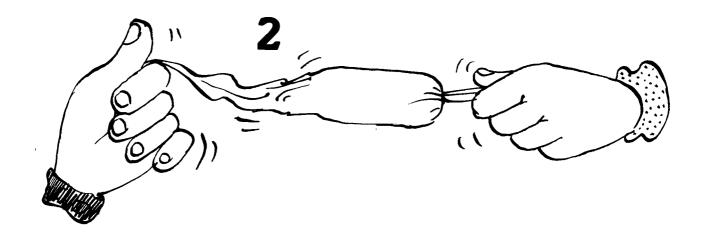
Cracker

This design is a special hanky fold for Christmas. As a party treat, you could hide a sweet or small toy inside the triangle in Step 1 of the Mouse, so that the winner can receive a mystery prize.



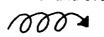
One end will unravel before the other. The person on the knotted end is the winner.







roll over and over



pull or push



turn over

Soft Ball

This design is a terrific way to make a ball if you don't have a proper one to play with. What's more, it's very soft and safe to throw.

1.

The method is the same as the Mouse, but start by folding the bottom corners in by a third, so that they overlap across each other.

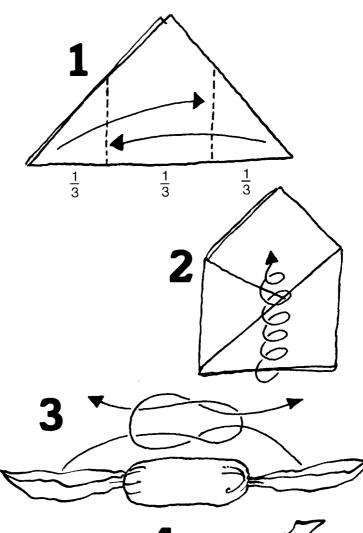
Continue as for the Mouse, as far as Step 10.

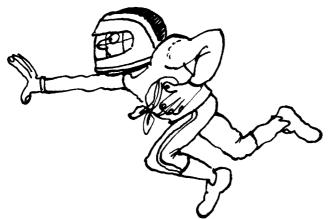
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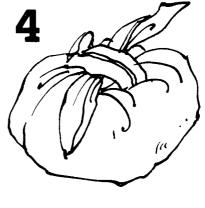
The result is a shorter sausage and longer loose ends. Tie the ends into a double knot.

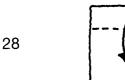
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The Soft Ball complete. Can you think how you could make a sausage without loose ends?

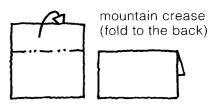








valley crease (fold to the front)



Bird

This design is one of my own. If the fold in Step 2 is made narrower or wider, the wings, tail and head can be made longer or shorter compared to each other, so that many different birds can be made. Try to make some.

1.

Fold the top corner down to the bottom to make a triangle.

2.

Fold down the top edge a little way.

3.

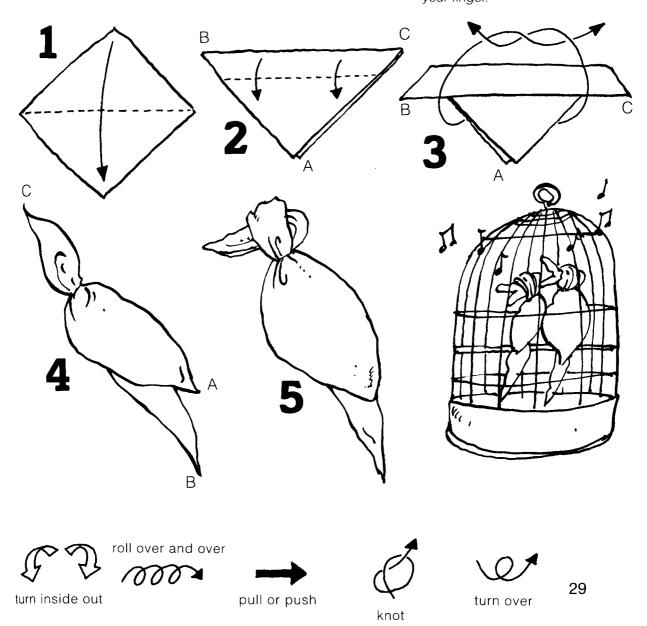
Tie the ends into a neat knot . . .

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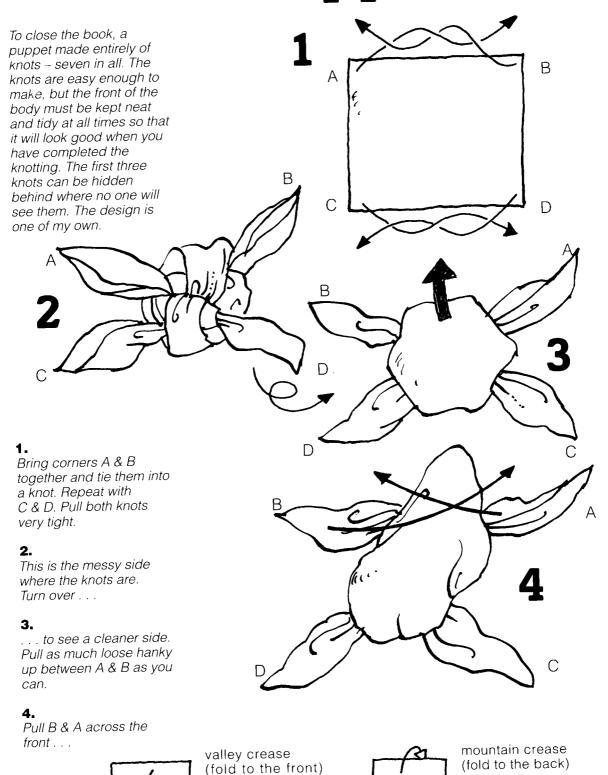
... like this. Note where A, B & C are. Repeat Steps 6–9 of the Duck to create the knotted head.

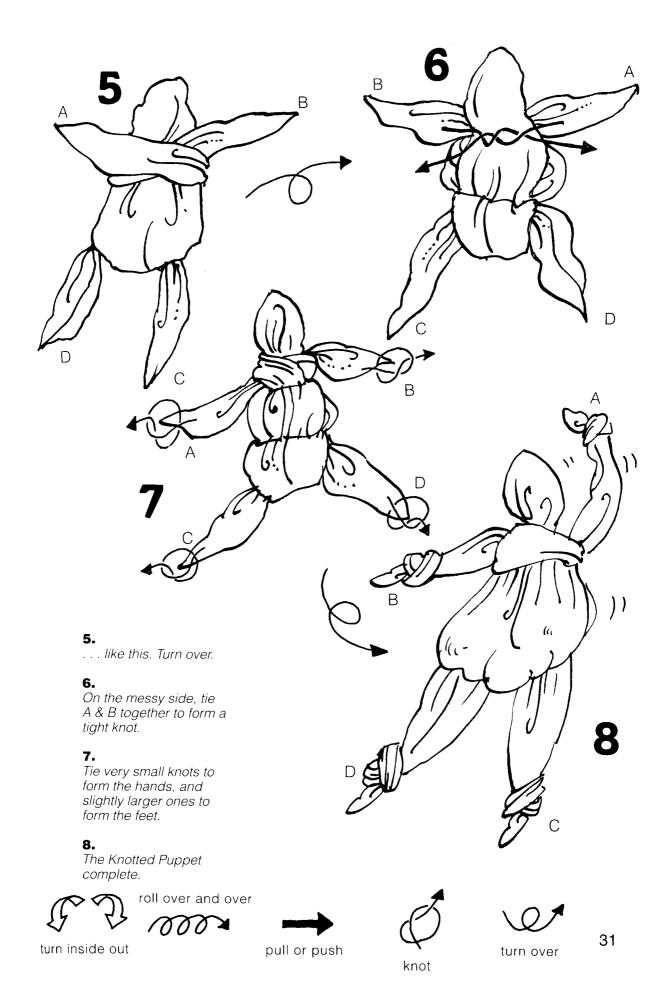
5.

The Bird complete. Hold it between your finger and thumb where the feet would be, so that the bird looks as if it is perching on your finger.



Knotted Puppet





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